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SUBJ: COMPLETE LIST OF MOROCCAN DELEGATION TO UNGA

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1. PRESS HAS PUBLISHED COMPLETE LIST OF MOROCCAN DELEGATION TO UNGA. IT IS AS FOLLOWS.

2. HEAD OF DELEGATION: FOREIGN MINISTER AHMED LARAKI. LARAKI SPEAKS ENGLISH IN ADDITION TO FRENCH AND ARABIC BUT PREFERS THE LATTER TWO LANGUAGES.

3. DELEGATES:

(A) DRISS SLAOUI, GOM PERM REP AT UN. SLAOUI WAS IN MOROCCAN CABINET FROM 1959-71. PRIOR TO LEAVING GOVERNMENT IN 1971, HE WAS ROYAL CABINET DIRECTOR GENERAL. AT THAT TIME HE WAS MORE POWERFUL THAN PRIME MIN AND WAS CONSIDERED VERY CLOSE TO KING. HIS STRONG SUITS ARE CONSIDERED LOYALTY AND DILIGENCE, RATHER THAN CREATIVITY. HE SPEAKS FRENCH AND ARABIC ONLY.

(B) ALI SKALLI, RECENTLY NAMED MOROCCAN REP TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA (FIRST COMMITTEE). SKALLI WAS FORMERLY SECY GEN OF THE FON MINISTRY AND WAS UNFAILINGLY COURTEOUS AND HELPFUL TO US IN OUR
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DEALINGS WITH HIM. HE IS CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO SERVED

BRIEFLY AS AMBASSADOR TO BONN. HE IS INTELLIGENT AND WELL INFORMED AND USUN SHOULD FIND HIM A USEFUL CONTACT. HE MAY SPEAK SOME ENGLISH BUT PREFERS FRENCH OR ARABIC.

(C) TAOUFIK KABBAJ, MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO SENEGAL (FIFTH COMMITTEE). KABBAJ IS GOM'S PREMIER EXPERT ON LOS. HE WAS CHIEF MOROCCAN SPOKESMAN IN 1972 IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY ON MOROCCO'S DECISION TO EXTEND ITS EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE AND OTHER MATTERS. AT THAT TIME HE WAS STRONG ADVOCATE OF "INNOCENT" PASSAGE DOCTRINE ON STRAITS. HE KNEW HIS SUBJECT WELL. KABBAJ IS BELIEVED SPEAK FRENCH AND ARABIC ONLY.

(D) ABDELAZIZ BENNANI, MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE (ASSIGNED TO SECOND COMMITTEE). BENNANI IS CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO ATTENDED 28TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WHEN HE WAS SERVING IN RABAT, HE WAS HELPFUL TO EMBASSY. HE HAS FRENCH AND ARABIC BUT VIRTUALLY NO ENGLISH.

(E) ABDERRAHIM HARKETT, AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA (FOURTH COMMITTEE). HARKETT HAS HAD LONG CAREER IN FON MINISTRY AND HAS BEEN IN ADDIS ABABA SINCE 1968. HE SPEAKS FRENCH AND ARABIC BUT HIS CAPABILITY IN ENGLISH IS NOT KNOWN.

4. ALTERNATE DELEGATES:

(A) MRS. HALIMA WARZAZI, MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY IN FON MINISTRY (THIRD COMMITTEE). MRS. WARZAZI SERVED IN WASHINGTON FROM 1959-61 AND SINCE THAT TIME HAS BEEN IN MINISTRY IN RABAT. IN HER PRESENT JOB, SHE HAS NO OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES BUT IS CONSIDERED EXPERT ON UN MATTERS. SHE HAS ATTENDED SEVERAL UNGAS AND IS BELIEVED TO SPEAK ENGLISH AS WELL AS FRENCH AND ARABIC.

(B) ABDELLAH BENKIRANE, ACTING CHIEF, INT ORGS DIV OF FON MINISTRY. BENKIRANE HAS SPENT YEARS IN WORKING IN UN AFFAIRS AND IS EXPERT IN THIS FIELD. HE HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO US. HIS HEALTH IS POOR AND HE MAY NOT PLAY ACTIVE ROLE ON DELEGATION. HE SPEAKS FRENCH AND ARABIC BUT NO ENGLISH.

(C) THREE OTHER ALTERNATE DELEGATES, SAADEDDINE TAIEB, SALAH ZAIMI AND RASHID LAHLOU, ARE NOT KNOWN TO US.

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5. COUNSELORS TO KING ASSIGNED TO DELEGATION. AS DEMONSTRATION NATIONAL UNITY, KING HAS ASSIGNED FIVE LEADING POLITICIANS TO MOROCCAN DELEGATION. TWO OF THESE MEN, ABDERRAHIM BOUABID AND M'HAMED BOUCETTA, ACCOMPANIED LARAKI TO NEW YORK. OTHER THREE, AND TWO AMBASSADORS ALSO ASSIGNED AS COUNSELORS, WILL PRESUMABLY FOLLOW. ALL SEVEN MEN TRAVELLED TO VARIOUS CAPITALS THIS SUMMER TO ARGUE MOROCCO'S SPANISH SAHARA CASE. SEVEN COUNSELORS ARE:

(A) BOUABID, HEAD OF SOCIALIST UNION OF POPULAR FORCES (USFP). BOUABID IS SOCIALIST AND FOR 30 YEARS HAS BEEN LEADING AND ARTICULATE POLITICIAN HERE. HE WAS MINISTER OF NATIONAL ECONOMY IN POSTINDEPENDENCE GOVERNMENTS (1956-60) AND HAS BEEN OUT OF GOVERNMENT PRACTICING LAW SINCE THEN. HE IS MOST PROMINENT FIGURE IN MOROCCO'S NON-COMMUNIST LEFT, ALTHOUGH STRENGTH OF HIS USFP QUITE LIMITED. HE SPEAKS FRENCH AND ARABIC BUT NO ENGLISH.

(B) BOUCETTA, SECRETARY GENERAL, ISTIQLAL PARTY. BOUCETTA WAS MINISTER OF JUSTICE (1961-63) AND PRIOR TO THAT WAS UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE HAS BEEN OUT OF GOVERNMENT SINCE 1963 AND PRACTICES LAW. HE IS LEADING FIGURE IN SECOND GENERATION IN ISTIQLAL PAROH, WHICH LED MOROCCO'S INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE. TODAY, HE IS HEAD OF ISTIQLAL. HE SPEAKS FRENCH
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AND ARABIC, BUT NO ENGLISH.

(C) MAHJOUBI AHERDAN, HEAD OF POPULAR MOVEMENT. AHERDAN SERVED IN CABINET AS DEFENSE AND AGRICULTURE MINISTER FROM 1961-67 AND FOUNDED HIS CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL GROUP IN 1957. POPULAR MOVEMENT BASED ON BERBER ETHNIC GROUP. ITS ORGANIZATION HAS SUFFERED IN RECENT YEARS. AHERDAN IS QUIXOTIC FIGURE WHO HAS NOT PROVED EFFECTIVE PARTY ORGANIZER. HE HAS NO ENGLISH TO COMPLEMENT HIS FRENCH, ARABIC AND BERBER.

(D) ABDELKRIM KHATIB, HEAD OF POPULAR CONSTITUTIONAL AND DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT. KHATIB IS A SURGEON WHO HEADED

MOROCCO'S ARMY OF LIBERATION IN THE GUERRILLA STRUGGLE AGAINST FRANCE IN MID-50S. HE WAS POLITICAL ASSOCIATE OF AHERDAN BUT SPLIT WITH HIM IN 1965. HIS GROUP HAS VIED WITH AHERDAN'S FOR BERBER AND PALACE FAVOR. IN PAST YEAR, KHATIB HAS ATTEMPTED TO EXPLOIT HIS RESISTANCE CREDENTIALS AND IS PROVISIONAL HEAD OF GOM-SPONSORED RESISTANTS ORGANIZATION. HE SPEAKS FRENCH AND ARABIC BUT NO ENGLISH.

(E) ALI YATA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF PARTY OF PROGRESS AND SOCIALISM. YATA IS LEADING SPOKESMAN MOROCCO'S COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. HE PUBLISHES COMMUNIST-LINE NEWSPAPER AND HIS POLITICAL GROUP, SUCCESSOR TO OUTLAWED COMMUNIST PARTY, HAS RECENTLY BEEN LEGALIZED. HE SPEAKS FRENCH AND ARABIC BUT NO ENGLISH.

(F) AHMED SNOUSII, MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO ALGERIA. SNOUSSI IS LONG TIME MOROCCAN DIPLOMAT. HE IS SAID TO BE MUCH IN FAVOR WITH REGIME AND SINCE GOING TO ALGERIA LAST WINTER, HAS UNDERTAKEN SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC TROUBLE-SHOOTING MISSIONS. HE IS AGREEABLE, AMUSING MAN AND SPEAKS FRENCH AND ARABIC ONLY.

(G) MOHAMED LARBI EL ALAMI, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO IRAN. EL ALAMI IS CAREER DIPLOMAT AND HAS LONG BEEN ISTIQLAL PARTY STALWART. HE SPEAKS FRENCH AND ARABIC. HIS CAPABILITY IN ENGLISH IS UNKNOWN.

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